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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) has been developed by the Secretary of Homeland Security at the request of the President to integrate effective practices in emergency response into a comprehensive national framework for incident management; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively and efficiently to manage domestic incidents no matter what the cause, size or complexity, including catastrophic acts of terrorism and disasters; and

WHEREAS, federal departments and agencies are required to make adoption of NIMS by state and local organizations a condition for federal preparedness assistance after Oct. 1, 2004 (FY 2005); and

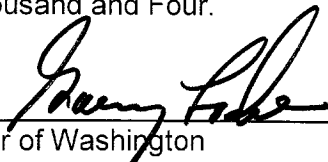
WHEREAS, the benefits of the NIMS will include:

- Standardized organizational structures, processes and procedures;
- Standards for planning, training and exercising;
- Personnel qualification standards;
- Equipment acquisition and certification standards;
- Interoperable communications processes, procedures and systems;
- Information management systems with a commonly accepted architecture;
- Supporting technologies – voice and data communications systems, information systems, data display systems, specialized technologies; and
- Publication management processes and activities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the State of Washington, do direct the agencies of the State of Washington and the Washington State Emergency Management Division to adopt and integrate the NIMS.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia, this 30th of September, A. D., Two Thousand and Four.



Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:



Secretary of State
ASST.

